

## General instructions

The "Request for Exception to Policy to Operate a Privately Owned Vehicle/Berechtigungsausweis" AE Form 550-175C-R (Previously 190-1V-R) is an application for the "Authority to Operate a Privately Owned Vehicle/Berechtigungsausweis" AE Form 550-175D-R (Previously 127-R) that allows a **visiting relative or friend** who is **not resident in Germany** to drive a USAREUR-plated vehicle in Germany for a maximum of 90 days from the visitor's date of arrival in Europe. This customs document is necessary because USAREUR-plated vehicles are duty/tax free in Germany and visiting relatives / friends would normally be subject to duty and taxes. It is issued to the person identified on line 1 of the form and cannot be transferred to anyone else.

AE Form 550-175D-R is only required when the visiting relative or friend intends to drive a vehicle without the sponsor or another USAREUR-licensed member of the sponsor's household being present in the vehicle. The application for AE Form 550-175D-R may only be provided to sponsors who have a vehicle registered with USAREUR.

Applications for the following visitors can be accepted and approved at any military customs office:

DAUGHTER	STEP-FATHER	SISTER
SON	BROTHER	
STEP-MOTHER	FATHER-IN-LAW	STEP-SISTER
FATHER	MOTHER-IN-LAW	STEP-BROTHER
MOTHER	SISTER-IN-LAW	BROTHER-IN-LAW
ADOPTED CHILDREN	UNCLE	COUSIN
GRANDFATHER	AUNT	FIANCÉ
GRANDMOTHER	NEPHEW	FRIEND
GRANDDAUGHTER	NIECE	
GRANDSON		

## Exceptions to Policy

Visitors who request to extend this privilege past 90 days require an exception to policy coordinated with the German Federal Ministry of Finance. Call DSN 381-8141/7354 or civilian 0621-730-8141/7354 for more information, FAX DSN 381-7324 (civilian 0621-730-7324). Forms sent through the German postal system with a self-addressed stamped envelope will be sent back through the German postal system. This is the fastest way to get the forms back by mail. However, you must use correct postage and remember U.S. size 10 envelopes require more postage. Mail addresses are as follows:

### Using APO

Customs Executive Agent  
ATTN: NATO SOFA, AEAPM-NS  
Unit 29931  
APO AE 09086

### Using the German Post Office

Customs Executive Agent  
ATTN: NATO SOFA, AEAPM-NS  
Bldg. #333, Taylor Barracks  
68309 Mannheim

## DRIVING IN GERMANY

The document is valid only when the identified operator has proper insurance through the vehicle owner's insurance company and a valid **international** or other driver's license, which if issued in a country other than Germany must be accompanied by an official German translation that may be obtained at a German Automobile Club (ADAC) or military legal assistance office. The AE Form 550-175D-R will be surrendered upon the request of U.S. or other law enforcement officials. It is valid for the period stated on the front of the form.

## DRIVING OUTSIDE GERMANY

People authorized to operate a USAREUR-plated vehicle should not encounter problems when driving in other European countries if they keep the following documents with them.

- A valid passport.
- Valid insurance covering the vehicle for use outside Germany (green insurance card).
- Valid driver's license with translation, or a valid international driver's license (issued outside the country of intended use).
- Valid registration for the vehicle.
- Written permission from the vehicle owner authorizing the visitor to operate the vehicle. The latter permission must be made out also in the languages of the countries to be visited.

Visiting spouses are an exception to the procedures outlined above as they have tax privileges by being the spouse or dependent of a SOFA status/U.S. ID card holder, whether they reside in Germany or not and whether they are command sponsored or not. Customer service representatives will issue AE Form 190-1AQ-R to visiting spouses and will advise them to keep this document in their possession when driving a USAREUR-registered vehicle. The term "visiting spouse" refers to a non-command sponsored husband or wife temporarily in Germany for less than 90 days. AE Form 190-1AP-R will be used to apply for AE Form 190-1AQ-R. Stocks of AE Form 190-1AQ-R and AE Form 190-1AP-R will be obtained directly from the Customs Executive Agency.

## Completing AE Form 550-175C-R

Insure you read and understand the "Data Required by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) printed on the top of the form. The AE Form 550-175C-R is submitted as one original for each person who is to operate the USAREUR registered vehicle. Xerox copies of this form may be accepted but all signatures must be original. The form is also available on the Internet at: [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/AE Form 550-175C-R.pdf](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/AE Form 550-175C-R.pdf)

### **BLOCK A: Name of sponsor/rank/grade/SSN/organization/APO**

Enter the sponsor's first name, middle initial, and last name, military rank or equivalent civilian rank, social security number, complete organization and APO. Include the PO Box if it is required in the mailing address.

### **BLOCK B: Name of nondependent relative/non-resident/passport number/temporary residence in Germany/family relationship to the applicant**

Enter the first name, middle initial, last name, passport number and CIVILIAN address in Germany where the visitor will stay. Enter the relationship to the applicant.

### **BLOCK C: Period of time for which authority is requested**

Enter the dates you want the visitor to be able to operate your vehicle. This period may not exceed 90 days from the visitor's arrival date in Europe, e.g. if your visitor arrived in Berlin on April 1, stayed there for a month before coming to visit you, the authority could only be granted for 60 days at most (i.e. until June 29 which is 90 days after the visitor arrived in Germany).

**BLOCK D: Certification:** Enter the relationship of the visitor to the applicant.

### **BLOCK E: USAREUR license plate number of POV(s) concerned:**

Enter the license numbers of the USAREUR plated vehicles that the visitor will be operating. The vehicles must be registered to the sponsor.

**BLOCK F: Certification/signature of sponsor/telephone number:** Read the certification, place your payroll signature in the block provided and place your complete military telephone number in the appropriate box. If you do not have a military phone number, list a civilian number where you can be contacted.

# Letting friends and relatives drive your POV in Germany



with  
**AE Form 550-175D-R**  
(Authority to Operate POV)